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FOR

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AND

ADJACENT STATES:

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CHURCH,

CABARRAS COUNTY,

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER,

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LUTHERAN SYNOD, &c.

On the second Sunday after Easter, on the 25th day of April, the ministers, candidates and deputies of the Lutheran Church from North Carolina, and adjoining states, assembled in Synod at Buffaloe Creek Church, in Cabarras County.

On the day previous, a numerous congregation had already been edified by a very affecting and impressive ministration, when the revd. Mr. Storck dedicated several adults by holy baptism to become Christians, and then confirmed seventy-six young people from this congregation in their baptismal vow. Only a determined infidel, or light minded dreamer, resting in spiritual death, can deny the presence of God during such a solemn scene; and to all Christians it must give joy, revival, consolation and encouragement, when so many of the children and relations, after due instruction, bend their knees with joy to Jesus, and solemnly vow to be, and remain, his property forever; and to hear the fervent calls to the throne of grace during the imposition of hands, for strength to remain faithful to their voluntary dedication.

After this solemnity the revd. Mr. Shober preached from Psalm, 92, 14 15, preparatory to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Before sacrament the revd. Jacob Sherer preached from the parable of our Saviour on the invitation to all to come to the supper. After him, candidate Daniel Sherer preached from Heb. 2, 3, "How can we escape," &c. After Sacrament, at which about two hun-

dred and fifty communicants were partakers, the revd. *R. J. Miller* preached an impressive English sermon; and, herewith, the united enjoyment of spiritual means for this day were closed, and the congregation dismissed.

MONDAY, *April* 26.

The following members of the Synod met:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Charles August Storck, *Jacob Sherer,* *Godfrey Dreher,*
Robert Johnson Miller, *G. Shober,* *Daniel Moser.*

CANDIDATES.

Daniel Sherer, *William Rauch,* *David Henkel.*

CATECHETS.

Jacob Miller, *John Dreher,* *Martin Walther,*
Daniel Walcher, *Michael M'Makin.*

DEPUTIES.

John Herzel,
Bernhard, Seefried, } Cabarras county, Buffaloe creek.

Theobald Long, } Organ Church congregation,
John Beck, } Abbot's Creek, 3 congregations, } *Rowan.*

Jacob Long, John Harky, Mechlenburgh County.

Jones Abernathy, John Hoffman,
Jacob Castner, Jun. } Lincoln County.

John Null, Stokes County.

Samuel Wingard, Francklow's congregation, S. C.

Christian Bouer, Guilford congregation, N. C.

John C. Holeman, Orangeburg, S. C.

William Hinesman, Bear Creek, Rowan County.

The revd. Mr. Storck opened the meeting with an appropriate hymn, and prayer to the holy Trinity, for his guidance and direction in our deliberations, and then explained to the numerous visitors the aim and purpose of such a Synod, &c.

The officers were then elected, and the revd. Mr. STORCK was chosen President, and GOTTLIEB SHOBER Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS.

1. In the first place, the cause of changing the time of meeting of the Synod from Trinity Sunday to this day, was explained, viz. That at the last Synod of the Lutheran ministry in Pennsylvania, a general desire was expressed, if possible, to effect a more intimate union with all the Synods of our church, in the United States; which was officially communicated by the officers of their ministry to our secretary, and in private letters from other reverend sources. This information was then communicated to ministers of our Synod, and particularly to our revd. president, and all such who in the vicinity could be informed thereof, united in opinion, that towards a union of our church in this extensive country, all possible assistance ought to be rendered on our part. But as the Synod of Pennsylvania, and adjacent states was, this year, to meet in Baltimore on Trinity Sunday, and the officers of their last Synod had invited us to send a deputy or deputies to the same; the consideration whether this Synod would send duputies, could not be postponed to the same day, and for that reason this meeting was called at this time. And after the said letters from the revd. secretary, Endress, of Lancaster, and the revd. president Lochman, were read, this Synod unanimously approved of our present meeting.

2. It was further unanimously acceeded to, that our revd. president, with the consent of two or three ordained ministers, residing in his vicinity, is authorised to call a Synod, and to make other orders and regulations, which will not admit of delay; and which should be valid until the succeeding meeting of the Synod.

3. After deliberating on the manner, how a desirable union of the whole church might best be effected, it ap-

peared unnecessary to send more than one deputy at the beginning of an attempt towards a union: because, if one deputy of each now existing Synod was elected, they could form a constitution of our general church, which would then be laid before the different Synods for acceptance.

According to this view, our secretary, Gottlieb Shober, was elected to attend the revd. Synod of the Lutheran Church on next Trinity Sunday, in Baltimore, for the purpose of regulating with them, in the name of this Synod, such a desirable union, and to attempt that such a one be effected. And, *Resolved*, That if he accedes to a constitution for the purpose of uniting our whole church, and that constitution is according to his instructions, received from this Synod, that such a constitution be adopted by us. But that if such constitution is not consonant with such instructions, the same must first be communicated to our next Synod; and only then, if adopted, can it be binding on us.

4. A committee to form instructions for our deputy, was appointed, viz. the revd. Robt. Johnson Miller, Jacob Sherer, and Jones Abernathy.

5. The absence of Jacob Krieson and Philip Roth Catechets in Guilford county was, for reasons given, excus ed, and their license renewed to next Synod. So was, also, the license of Michael M'Makin renewed.

6. The following donations were then handed in:

Rowan & Cabarras,	Out of the revd. Mr. Storck's congregations, ...	20	
Guilford County.	Revd. Sherer,—Graef, ...	2	95
	do do Laus', ...	1	25
	do do Friedens Kirch, . . .	3	50
	do do Richlands, ...	6	80
Lincoln,	Whitehaven.	4	75
	Philadelphia, ...	16	62
Virginia	Pendleton and Hardy counties, . .	27	50
	Bottetourt, ...	8	

S. Carolina.	Revd. Godfrey Dreher,	5	
	—— John Dreher,	10	90
	—— Michl. Rauch,	5	
Stokes County, N. C.		1	85
David Henkel,		2	
		$234	12

Received for Books sold.

Of Godfrey Dreher,	27	
David Henkel,	47	
Daniel Moser,	21	50
C. A. Storck,	22	50
	$234	12

Received as a Fund towards a Seminary.

Of the revd. Mr. Bachman, from his congregation in Charleston,	221	75
Salt Ketchers, in South Carolina,	6	
St. Martin's, ditto,	19	
	$246	75

To those congregations, who thus effectually participated in our wants, and particularly to the congregation in Charleston, and others, we render our unfeigned thanks.

7. As two hundred and forty-six dollars and seventy-five cents were expressly entrusted to this Synod, for the support of a Seminary, in which young men would be instructed for the ministry of the gospel, it was now questioned, whether this money should he applied to the academy already established in Tennessee, under the direction of the revd. Philip Henkel and Joseph E. Bell: but it *was unanimously determined*, that we could in no manner intermeddle with said school, until a constitution for the government thereof is approved of by this Synod, as Mr. Bell was informed by our secretary, in a letter dated June 18th, 1818; in which, he also requested him to com-

pile one, and to lay the same before this Synod for approbation—which is not done.

Our secretary will inform the revd. Mr. Henkel and Bell of the aforesaid resolution, as soon as possible.

8. The revd. Godfrey Dreher, and Jones Abernathy were appointed a committee to examine the treasurer's account, and report.

9. Whereas, candidate Michael Rauch, has acted nine years as such, and now requests to receive ordination. The revd. Mr. Storck and Miller were appointed to examine him.

N. B. They reported on Tuesday—and his qualifications being found sufficient, it was decided that he be ordained.

10. A motion being made to change the time of the annual meeting of the Synod. It was, on argument, decided in the negative, 12 against 11—Trinity Sunday remains the time appointed.

11. The absence of the revd. Philip Henkel, Joseph E. Bell, Fink and Miller, of Tennessee, has no color of admissible excuse.

The absence of the revd. Lewis Marhet may, on account of the great distance he has to travel, well be excused.

The revd. Andrew Henkel did, no doubt, unite himself with the Synod which instituted itself in the state of Ohio, yet to us unknown.

The revd. Daniel Sherer sufficiently excused the absence of the revd. Peter Schmucker, by stating his sickly situation.

The absence of the revd. Mr. Franklow, was also excused on the same principle.

12. The revd. R. J. Miller, who was, by our last Synod, deputed to inquire in South Carolina, in the cause of the absence of all their members belonging to this Synod, (see the last reports,) reported, that sickness had prevented their attendance—That according to authority re-

ceived, he had renewed all their licenses—And that the difference between Godfrey Dreher, John Franklow and Mr. Mits had been examined into, and that Mr. Franklow had confessed that he had wronged the other two, and had promised amendment.

13. The congregations in South Carolina, at Jacob's church and John's church, in Lexington district, and St. Paul's church in Newberry district, whose minister formerly was a Mr. Waller, prayed by their deputy, Mr. Martin Riser, to be admitted into our connexion; which was granted, and the said deputy took his seat accordingly.

The Revd. R. J. Miller concluded this day by singing an appropriate hymn—'Father of mercies, bow thine ear,' (see Rippon's collection,)—and prayer.

TUESDAY, *April* 27.

After the usual Morning Service, business proceeded.

14. It was proposed, and unanimously approved, that if the revd. Philip Henkel and Joseph E. Bell should, during this spring or summer, appear with a constitution for their academy, or should send a written one to the president, out of which it can be collected, that it is their intention that their academy should be subject to the superintendance and direction of this Synod, a committee consisting of the revd. Mr. Stork, R. J. Miller and Paul Henkel, or a majority of them, will examine the same, and if found acceptable, or that a future Synod can be expected to approve thereof, or something like it, the said committee, or a majority of them, may, in that case, allow the said seminary a temporary support out of the funds already in their hands, subject to the alteration of a future Synod: *Provided always*, That no support be allowed for any other purpose than only to assist such students as have dedicated themselves to the gospel ministry. And further,

the said committee, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised to grant licenses to young men of twenty-one years of age, desiring the same, who are approved on examination, and who come well recommended—likewise, to renew such licenses to candidates and catechets as are now expired; to continue in force until the next Synod.

The secretary will, as soon as possible, acquaint the revd. Messrs. Henkel and Bell with the above resolution, and at the same time express our regret that neither of them have honored us with their presence; and which regret is increased by the irritating letters written to individuals of this ministry by the revd. Mr. Ph. Henkel and J. E. Bell. And at the same time to express to them our conviction of the necessity of supporting an institution submissive to Christian rules, and subject to the constitution of the Lutheran and Reformed churches.

15. A petition from Bottetourt and Montgomery counties, Virginia, praying for the advancement of Martin Walther, was read; and resolved, that if, on examination, he is approved, that he should have license as a candidate to the next Synod.

N. B. This examination took place afterwards, and he received such license.

16. A heart affecting memorial from members of our church in Illinois Territory, praying for spiritual ministration, could not otherwise be answered, than with the painful ejaculation, "Dear Brethren—We gladly would, help you, but we cannot."

17. Sundry letters and certificates relating to differences in South Carolina, particularly against the revd. John Franklow, were committed to the revd. Jacob Sherer, and Daniel Mosier to examine the same, and to report thereon.

18. On the petition from Pendleton, and other counties in Virginia, praying for the ordination of their minister, Daniel Sherer. It was decided, that in regard of his in-

dustry, good character, and the great distance he has to travel to this Synod, he receive license as a candidate for two years, and unto the Synod next after, with the charge, that one or more deputies from his congregation attend this Synod next year.

19. A memorial from Andrew Hoyl, Lincoln county, was communicated, wherein he complains of candidate David Henkel, that he had treated him rashly, and made use of improper means to deprive him of his good reputation. And after an impartial hearing of both parties and their proofs, the above complaint was found to be well grounded. During this examination, a good deal was also asserted against the doctrine preached by David Henkel, and in the nature of a complaint insisted on.

With this afflicting examination, and the above decision, the business of the day was closed late in the evening—and after singing a verse we separated.

WEDNESDAY, *April* 28.

The Synod met at an early hour, after the usual morning service—

20. Adam Castner of Lincoln county complained, that David Henkel, together with the elders, and some assisting members, of the congregation to which he belongs, had unjustly excommunicated him; and after hearing the accusation against Castner, and his defence, together with the manner of his excommunication, it was decided; that the excommunication is void, and that the said Castner is now a full member of our church.

21. The accusation against David Henkel, that he preached the doctrine of transubstantiation—that whoever is baptised and partakes of the Lord's supper is saved—that he has a right to forgive sins, and other doctrines leading to superstition; was not sufficiently established. And he now declared in presence of the Synod, that he never believed in such doctrines—that he was only mis-

understood, and never preached such—that he never will preach such, as it is not the doctrine of the Lutheran church—and that he will conduct himself towards other Christian ministers friendly and brotherly, (as complaints against him respecting his infringing honorable conduct, in this respect, were also made.) But, it was at first resolved, that David Henkel receive no powers to act as candidate for one year; afterwards this resolution was so amended, that he receive license as catechet for six months, and that if, after the expiration of that term, he produce to our president sufficient credentials that peace reigneth in his congregations, and that from without, especially from our reformed, or Presbyterian brethren, no important complaint existed against him, he be authorised to grant him license as a candidate, to be in force to the next meeting of the Synod. And it being stated that his congregations might not receive him as now situated, *Resolved*, that, on application, a letter of recommendation be given to him.

After this, candidate Mickel Rauch, preached from Mat. 11, 5, 6—"Unto the poor the gospel is preached," &c.

After him, the revd. John Hatch, (who on his missionary journey, visiting the reformed congregations in North Carolina, as also the revd. Mr. Boger, a resident reformed preacher, honored us with their presence in all our deliberations,) preached with emphasis and applause from Rom. 2, 4, 5,—"Or despiseth thou the riches of his goodness, and forbearance," &c.

After he had concluded,

22. The candidates Daniel Moser and Mikel Rauch, having first solemnly covenanted, by the grace of God, to be faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel, were consecrated as deacons to the vineyard of the Lord, in the Lutheran church. The consecration was performed by the revd. president, the revd. R. Johnson Miller and G. Shober—

And after the numerous congregations had been dismissed with the blessing of the Lord,

23. The committee appointed for that purpose, (see No. 17,) reported—That, Mr. Franklow had propagated untruths against the revd. Godfrey Dreher; and that after a reconciliation had taken place, and they had reciprocally promised silence, the said Mr. Franklow had again propagated the same falsehood in another county than that in which Mr. Dreher lived; that he afterwards acknowledged the same, and justified his conduct on the ground of his having received it from hearsay; That afterwards, when candidate Metz had been authorised by our president to call a meeting of the ministers in South Carolina, in order, if possible, to effect a reconciliation, and if not, to report proceedings to the Synod—Franklow there, in the first place, denied the charge; but after it was proven to him by three witnesses, he again excused himself by saying, he had heard the report against G. Dreher, but could not prove it—and further, that no effectual reconciliation now existed.

This report was adopted by the Synod.

And on the question, whether Mr. Franklow should be silenced for a year or six months, it was decided that he be silenced for six months, and during that time not belong to our ministry; and if the parties at the expiration of the said term are truly reconciled, and live in brotherly love and union, he may resume his ministerial functions—but if no brotherly love, as above, is effected, then he remain silenced to the next Synod.

24. The committee which was appointed (see No. 8,) to examine the treasurer's account, report—

That at at the beginning of this Synod he had a just demand against us of five hundred and thirty-seven dollars and eighty-two cents; but that 1377 English books on the reformation, by Dr. Luther, are yet in the hands of sundry ministers, unaccounted for, viz.

Revd. Philip Henkel,	500	Revd. Mr. Storck,	50
—— John Backman,	200	—— Mr. Miller,	24
—— Godfrey Dreher,	100	—— Mr. Walcher,	10
—— David Henkel,	291	—— Mr. Rickard,	3
		—— G. Shober,	199

These books are the property of the Synod, from the sale of which the above debt must be paid.

But, say the committee, we desire to propose, that all monies received during this Synod, be applied towards the discharge of the said debt, that the interest thereon may be reduced; and that as the books are sold, the money given for the support of a seminary, may again be and remain free for that purpose—for we find, that if no misfortune happens, and that the books are sold at seventy-five cents a piece, we will have in the treasury $493,93.

The above report and proposition was unanimously adopted, and the revd. G. Shober, was elected treasurer, who as such received all the monies (see 5,) into his possession.

25. The committee, (see No. 4,) reported as follows:—

Whereas, the now assembled Synod of the German and English Lutheran church in, and for, North Carolina and adjacent states, at Buffaloe Creek church, on the 26th day of April, 1819, unanimously declared the desire to seek, and promote a general union with all the Synods of our church in the United States, and having given to us, the subscribing committee, the charge to draw-up instructions for the government of our deputy at the formation of an union with the other existing Synods of our church—We pray to propose for consideration and acceptance the following instructions, according to which, our deputy is to be guided in his attempts to effect a general union.

These instructions, (which the secretary thinks improper now to have printed,) were considered paragraph after paragraph, amended, and then unanimously approved.

26. A proposition, that each congregation should elect

three or five sensible men out of the congregation, whose business it should be to decide, in love, all the differences arising among the members thereof was rejected, because the stewards and elders are, also, for that purpose elected by the congregations.

27. As it was made to appear, that Jacob Miller from Stokes county, had now served several years as catechet, with industry and applause, that his conduct is unimpeachable, that he preaches to the satisfaction of the hearer, and that several congregations would gladly accept of him as their teacher and minister if he was authorised to administer the Lord's supper—It was resolved that he receive license as a candidate to the next Synod.

Here the transactions of this day were ended, with a hymn and prayer.

THURSDAY, *April* 29.

The meeting opened as usual.

28. On the proposition of R. J. Miller, the situation of those congregations in South Carolina, which are represented by Mr. Riser, (see 14,) were taken under consideration:—And as, their deputy affirmed, they are unanimous in desiring a minister from us, it was temporarily concluded, that if the revd. Philip Henkel does not accept that charge, as was written to him, that we would care for it—that they receive a minister.

The revd. Jacob Sherer will, in the mean time, pay them a visit after Whitsunday; and also visit Mr. Franklow's congregation, whenever it is desired. It is also expected that the revd. Paul Henkel is now on his journey to South Carolina.

29. On the question of the revd. Jacob Sherer, whether he had permission to move away from his congregation in Guilford county before the next Synod, it was conceded to him with the mournful consent of the deputy from that place; *And resolved*, that in case he accepts another call,

the revd. Daniel Moser or Daniel Walcher will step in his place to the next meeting of the Synod; and that if Mr. Walcher goes to Guilford in his place, the revd. Jacob Miller will administer in the congregations on Abbot's creek.

30. It is also desirable that the revd. Jacob Miller should visit the small congregation in Wilk's county, and administer the Lord's supper to them.

31. Yost Metz of South Carolina received his license as a candidate, to the next Synod.

32. John Dreher and Daniel Walcher were licensed as catechets.

33. As six dollars and fifty cents were received out of three congregations on Abbott's creek, for the Baltimore journey of the deputy, it was offered to be returned, as no assistance towards the same was desired from other congregations; but the deputy insisted that it was given for that purpose—of course that, as well as seven dollars thirty-five cents from the Buffaloe creek church, and five which Mr. John Dreher added, were accepted with thanks.

34. It was recommended, that every minister and candidate produce at our next Synod, in writing, his idea on the article of justification, and how the same is to be made applicable.

35. On the petition from Bear creek congregation, the revd. Mr Storck promised to minister among them as much as possible.

From Dr. Solomon Henkel, New-Market, Virginia.

36. A proposition towards a constitution to establish a society for publishing and promulgating books and pamphlets on Christianity, and particularly one, under the title of "Evangelical Archive," in both languages, was read, and the consideration thereof postponed to the next Synod. An abstract of the proposed constitution will be published with our journal.

37. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE HANDED IN:

BY WHOM.	Children baptised.	Slaves.	Adults.	Confm'd.	Buried.
Revd Mr. Storck, - -	—	—	—	140	—
—— R. J. Miller, - -	70	12	8	4	8
—— G. Shober, - -	58	—	3	18	—
—— Jacob Sherer, - -	79	—	4	64	—
1817—— John Franklow, -	79	—	—	12	6
1818—— do do - -	35	—	—	14	2
1817—— Michael Rauch, -	17	—	—	—	10
1818—— do do -	12	—	—	14	3
—— Daniel Moser, - -	109	—	1	48	23
—— David Henkel, -	377	38	49	135	11
—— Daniel Sherer' - -	87	4	—	69	10
—— M. Walcher, - -	25	—	2	—	5
—— Jacob Miller, - -	54	—	—	—	5
—— M. M'Makin, -	9	—	—	—	—
—— Daniel Walcher, -	63	—	—	—	9
—— Jacob Kreiser, -	1	—	—	—	2

Business being finished—

The thanks of the Synod were voted to the congregation at Buffaloe creek church, for their unremitted attention and proof of love towards the members of the Synod.—May the Lord bless them for their kindness; and we truly mourn that they were so little edified during the long session, owing to afflicting examinations and decisions.

Being about to separate—the revd. Mr. Miller ended this, our annual Synod, by a cordial address and prayer—and after having united in singing the verse, "Dismiss us with thy blessing now," &c. and received the Lord's blessing, we departed in peace.

A Copy of the Proceedings,

G. SHOBER, Sec'y.

After Synod, a petition from Bedford county, Tennessee, dated early in March, was received by the secretary, praying for a minister, or at least for a visit. This was immediately forwarded to the president of the Synod; (see 2,) who is authorised, until the next meeting of the Synod, to make regulations in such cases.

ABSTRACT

Of a Constitution for a Religious Tract Society, proposed to be established by the Davidsburg Church, New-Market, Va.

This society shall consist of members of every religious persuasion. The officers of the society shall be a president, one secretary, one treasurer, and six directors, each to serve one year. Agents shall be appointed throughout the United States, whose duty it shall be to deliver tracts to subscribers, receive the monies due thereon and forward them to the treasurer. Any person can become a member of this society by paying one dollar annually, as long as he wishes to be considered as such; and if he desires the tracts in both languages, to pay two dollars annually. This society shall publish the annual proceedings of the English and German Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and adjoining States; and if it is desired, also the proceedings of the other Lutheran Synods in the United States, as well as any interesting information furnished by those bodies. The society shall publish, under the care of the General Synod, an "Evangelical Archive." This book shall be printed on demi paper of a good quality, octavo size, and shall appear in numbers of sixteen pages each. The profits arising from these publications are to be paid over annually to the treasurer of the North Carolina Synod, by which it is to be devoted to the assistance of poor theological Students and teachers, and for the purchase of useful books. As soon as one thousand subscribers are obtained, the publication of the "Evangelical Archive," shall commence.

ADDRESS.

Now my dear brethren, will you permit an unworthy fellow-laborer to make some reflections on the transactions as herein recorded? Is it not true that we never yet have had such disagreeable labors before us as during the present Synod? Were there not such among them that had more the appearance of law court business, than business belonging to the ministry of the gospel? But were we not constrained to act as we did, in order not to appear as a body that only hears and attends to its own members? Can we, or ought we, to suppress these transactions from being stared at, if we want to appear as an honest and upright ministry? And what will be the consequence? I, for my part, would have been silent, and not have published any thing about it, rather than cause heart burnings or murmurings. But as an officer of the Synod, I had no charge to publish any thing else, or less than what came before us—but yet I endeavored not to paint any thing in livelier colors than the original picture required, and of course could not be afraid of consequences, which are, under the providence of God—and, O, may he graciously look down upon our well meant decisions in support of his cause and church discipline.

But is it not grievously to be lamented, that so many differences exist among us, and which, for the most part, have their origin in trifles, and yet grow to a bitter root? Is it not lamentable that some teach according to their own spirit and will, and do not permit the spirit of meekness, love, tenderness, mercy and patience to reign; but suffer the spirit of distrust, jealousy, wrangling, disputing, and disposition to domineer? Where will this lead to? And yet we ought to be patterns to the flock, and do de-

sire to be called disciples of the meek and lowly minded Jesus; and who are not known in heaven or earth as such, except by living in love with one another.

But what can we do in order that the God of peace and love be and remain with, among and in us? Answer, nothing but fervently and united to sigh, groan, and pray to him the giver of all good gifts, the universal physician for all complaints, that he would guide us by his holy spirit, and heal us with balm from Gilead, least the infection should spread and whole flocks get the rot. O my dear young fellow laborers in the extensive field before us, let us accustom ourselves daily and fervently to pray in order to grow without ceasing in the manner that Jesus taught and lived; and that we might, setting aside all wisdom from below, know nothing among our congregations but Jesus Christ and him crucified, and to proclaim justification by and through him alone—then shall we, instead of being treated uncharitably by other persuasions, reap love and cordial attachment from such of them to whom Christ is all in all. By the simple word of God, Jesus suffered, bled and died for all—we shall save ourselves and those that hear us, and be preserved in the hour of temptation, which will come upon all those who preach themselves, and not Christ, the son of God.

May he grant us a perceptible portion of the power of his holy spirit, so as to enable us to become, to be, and to remain faithful and true to the cause of the Redeemer, until faith expires in sight—This is the wish of all Zion's friends, and also of

G. S.

☞*The reader will kindly excuse errors in style and grammar, as the editor had but a few days' time to compile and translate—The critic may take his pen and ink and correct as he reads along.*

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31 & 32 Licences renewed, - - - - - - - - ib.
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To the Editor.

It is in consequence of the unfair means taken to persuade the public that David Henkle had been harshly dealt with by his own venerable synod and myself, I think it a duty I own to that reverend body and myself, to give a true statement of said proceedings.

Several years past, Mr. David Henkle (preacher) was summoned to attend at Lincoln court, as an evidence in a suit—Susannah Williams against D. Linbarger—he, Henkle, came to my house in company with the plaintiff and defendant, and said that he could not well attend, and requested me to take his deposition, which was done, on being much solicited, by consent of both plaintiff and defendant; and he was entrusted with the deposition, by consent also. The tenor of his oath was unfavourable to the plaintiff, and a part disputed by her friends, of which he was informed; and in about eight days came back and acknowledged that he had answered one particular question in the aforesaid oath wrong; that he had forgot at that time, and thought he had sworn the truth. We being friendly, he inquired whether or not he